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Lawson has wisely avoided extended comment as unnecessary for the working practitioner, choosing rather to devote the space to extracts from opinions and a systematic list of authorities. He has produced a book which is sure to be of inestimable service, if not to the beginner, to the bar and bench.

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We have also received :

IMPERIAL RULE IN INDIA ; being an Examination of the Principles proper to the Government of Dependencies. By Theodore Morison. Westminster: Archibald Constable & Co. 1899. pp. 147. This book is a brief examination of the Indian government and the progress which it has made toward the time when India may be self-governing. Speaking generally, the author's conclusion is that that time is indefinitely postponed because of the lack of national feeling among the nations. He suggests, as a means of unifying the discordant elements, the cultivation of a greater feeling of emotional loyalty to the personal sovereign, the Empress of India. His analysis of the present condition of Indian affairs, of a distrustful and almost disaffected population, is more convincing to the ignorant reader than his system of remedies. The book is careful, clear, and interesting, and the general point of view remarkably sane and free from prejudice. The main interest that the book has to Americans at the present moment is, of course, in the comparison which it inevitably presents between India and our own dependencies. The disaffection and coolness that mark an Indian conquered people are not likely to be absent from the Philipinos. The suggested remedy of fostering loyalty to a personal sovereign is laughably inappropriate.

A DICTIONARY OF WORDS AND PHRASES USED IN ANCIENT AND MODERN LAW. By Arthur English. Washington, D. C.: Washington Law Book Co. 1899. pp. 979. This volume differs distinctly from the general run of law dictionaries in that it is confined strictly to definition and is not a law encyclopaedia. The reader looking to find an account of any law subject at length will be disappointed. The definitions are short and concise, but they are apparently careful, and the collection of words and phrases both ancient and modern is exceedingly extensive and well chosen. Such a book must necessarily from its very conciseness be incomplete and unsatisfactory in many respects, but it has a legitimate place, and should prove a useful addition to the reference library of either lawyer or student. A list of abbreviated titles of reports and textbooks in the appendix gives it an added practical value which the practising lawyer will not fail to appreciate. An error noticed in this list was the citation of the New England Reporter alone for the abbreviation N. E. Rep. and the omission of the North Eastern Reporter for which this abbreviation usually stands.

STATE TRIALS. Edited by Charles E. Lloyd. Chicago: Callaghan & Company. 1899. pp. vi, 260. The standard edition of the State Trials is that of T. B. Howell, in twenty-one volumes, London: 1816. That great collection has always been held in the highest esteem by lawyers and by students of English history. The aim of the editor of the present series is "to place these valuable and interesting old English classics in

the hands of the masses." To this end he has selected three of the State trials: those of Mary Queen of Scots, of Sir Walter Raleigh, and of Captain William Kidd—a most varied but a striking list. Moreover, he has condensed the standard text when it seemed to him to involve discussions and repetitions useless to the general reader. And furthermore, he sub-joins, perhaps too infrequently, annotations for the benefit of the lay reader.

THE DREYFUS STORY. By Richard W. Hale. Boston: Small, Maynard, & Co. 1899. pp. 68. This little book is an admirable account of the Dreyfus matter up to the time it came before the Court of Cassation which ordered the revision. The bearing of the Esterhazy and Zola trials is explained, the legal aspects of the case are pointed out, and the evidence is carefully boiled down. The book is simple and clear—a find for those who know the case only through the newspaper reports. It is understood that a second edition will deal with the later phases of the case.

AMERICAN PRACTICE REPORTS. Official Leading Cases in all State and Federal Courts, annotated and systematically arranged so as to include in the Table of Cases of each State its Reported, Cited, and Digested Practice Cases. Vol. II., Parts I. & II. Editor-in-Chief, Charles A. Ray. Washington: Washington Law Book Co. 1899. pp. xvi, 328.

STATUTORY AND CASE LAW APPLICABLE TO PRIVATE CORPORATIONS UNDER THE GENERAL CORPORATION ACT OF NEW JERSEY AND CORPORATION PRECEDENTS. Second Edition. By James B. Dill. New York: Baker, Voorhis & Co. 1899. pp. xxx, 364. *Review will follow.*

COMMENTARIES ON THE LAW OF PRIVATE CORPORATIONS. By Seymour D. Thompson. In Seven Volumes. Vol. VII. A Supplementary Volume Containing Recent Decisions from 1895-1899, and also a General Index of the whole work. San Francisco: Bancroft-Whitney & Co. 1899.

AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY REPORTS ANNOTATED. Reporting the Bankruptcy Decisions and Opinions in the United States of the Federal Courts, State Courts, and Referees in Bankruptcy. Vol. I. Edited by Wm. Miller Collier. Albany, N. Y.: Matthew Bender. 1899. pp. xxv, 782.

THE GROWTH OF THE CONSTITUTION IN THE FEDERAL CONVENTION OF 1787. By William M. Meigs. Phila.: J. B. Lippincott Co. 1900. pp. iv, 374. *Review will follow.*

THE CIVIL LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURIES ARISING OUT OF NEGLIGENCE. Second edition. By Henry F. Duswell. Boston: Little, Brown, & Co. 1899. pp. cxxiii, 545. *Review will follow.*

REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING CHANGES BY INTERPRETATION AND AMENDMENT. By W. G. Bullitt. Cincinnati: The Robert Clark Co. 1899. pp. xii, 360. *Review will follow.*

FIRST STEPS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW. By Sir Sherston Baker. Boston: Little, Brown, & Co.; London: Kegan Paul, Trench, Trübner & Co., Lim. 1899. pp. xxxi, 428. *Review will follow.*

THE LAW OF PLEADING UNDER THE CODES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE. Second Edition. By Edwin E. Bryant. Boston: Little, Brown, & Co. 1899. pp. xxv, 400. *Review will follow.*

THE LAW RELATING TO CHOSSES IN ACTION. By Walter R. Warren. London: Sweet & Maxwell, Lim. 1899. pp. xxxix, 456. *Review will follow.*

THE MASSACHUSETTS LAW OF LANDLORD AND TENANT. By Prescott F. Hall. Boston: George B. Reed. 1899. pp. xl, 534. *Review will follow.*

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR BAR EXAMINATION REVIEW. By Charles S. Haight and Arthur M. Marsh. New York: Baker, Voorhis & Co. 1899. pp. xlvi, 506. *Review will follow.*

LECTURES ON THE PRINCIPLES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT. Delivered at the London School of Economics, Lent Term. 1897. By George Laurence Gomme. Westminster: Archibald Constable & Co. 1897. pp. xiv, 267.

PROBATE REPORTS ANNOTATED, containing recent cases of general value decided in the courts of the several States on points of probate law. With notes and references. Vol. III. By Frank S. Rice. New York: Baker, Voorhis & Co. 1899. pp. xvi, 752.

THE NATION'S AWAKENING. Essays towards a British policy. Second edition. By Spenser Wilkinson. Westminster: Archibald Constable & Co. 1897. pp. xxviii, 302.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES. By John Randolph Tucker. Edited by Henry St. George Tucker. In two volumes. Chicago: Callaghan & Co. 1899. pp. xxviii, v, 1015. *Review will follow.*